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This is the first issue of DPI NOTES, a new weekly newsletter on the efforts and products of the UN Department of Public Information. Its aim is to inform Delegations, DPI staff members, and other Secretariat staff, about what the Department is doing and what it has in the works that is new, interesting and important to promote the priority concerns of the United Nations.

UN DAY 1990

To mark the United Nations 45th Birthday, cable television's C-Span plans to air a four-hour programme on the Organization on Monday, 29 October. The programme will include a walking tour of Headquarters, as well as interviews with the Secretary-General, former USG Brian Urquhart, ASG James O.C. Jonah, DPI Director Georges Leclère, and Interpretation Service Chief Edith Macherez. The tentative time slot is from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, with a possible rerun that evening.

Also to celebrate the anniversary, DPI's Dissemination Division is holding an interagency "Information fair" in the General Assembly Public Lobby. Organized under a canopy proclaiming "UN Day=Your Day," the fair is an arrangement of kiosks identifying the 15 participating agencies and programmes, which are distributing posters and pamphlets to visitors.

PEACE AND SECURITY

DPI last month released a new version of its major reference book on peace-keeping, *The Blue Helmets*. The volume was re-designed by the DCS Graphic Presentation Unit, new maps were added by the Cartographic Unit, and the book was expanded to cover the five new peace-keeping operations undertaken by the Organization since 1988.

For distribution to the media through the *UN Focus* series, DPI has produced backgrounders on UN peace-making efforts in Cambodia and Central America.

Earlier this year, as part of its educational programmes, DPI produced a video and teacher's guide on UN peace-keeping for use in high schools.

ANTI-*APARTHEID*

An updated travelling exhibit, "*Apartheid* South Africa," was displayed near the Headquarters Delegates' Entrance for 11 October, the day dedicated to South Africa's political prisoners. The exhibit, produced in collaboration with the Centre against *Apartheid*, also went on display this month in Frankfurt and Madrid.

Michel Granger, the French graphic artist, has been commissioned by CPMD's Anti-*Apartheid*, Namibia and Palestine Section to design a poster promoting the idea of a better future for South Africa through negotiation and dialogue. Publication is planned for late November.

DEVELOPMENT

On 18 October, DPI concluded its annual six week work-study programme at Headquarters for broadcasters and journalists from developing countries. Twenty-one journalists participated in the session.

This week, the Information Products Division's *World Chronicle* TV programme featured Karl Sauvant, Acting Assistant Director for Economic Issues of the Policy Analysis Division, UN Centre on Transnational Corporations.

WOMEN

A 27-minute video on women and literacy, produced under DPI's supervision, is near completion. UN film crews, which began shooting in Thailand in April and continued this summer in Mali and Costa Rica, finished filming this month in a settlement house on New York's Lower East Side. UNIFEM is the lead agency on the project. Eight UN agencies and programmes have joined UNIFEM and DPI in funding production.

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PUBLIC OPINION

For two years, DPI's Programme Evaluation and Communications Research Unit has been publishing results of opinion polls it commissioned in 23 countries on how the UN is perceived. In September, it released the results of its latest polls. In Norway and the USSR, most adults said they believe the UN is "doing a good job."

UN INFORMATION CENTRES

Many UN Information Centres (UNICs) report to Headquarters that the Secretary-General's message for the International Day of Peace was quoted widely in their areas. UNIC Sri Lanka said the leading daily, *The Sun*, called the message "a positive development in the increasing demand for a more central UN role in the search for solutions to global problems." UNIC Maseru marked the day with a "Peace Fun Run," organized by the UN Association of Lesotho.

UNIC Athens reports that the Greek Ministry for Press and Information recently offered to print 3,000 copies of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The same Centre has arranged for graduate students to translate some major DPI publications into Greek.

MEDIA

For the Children's Summit on 29-30 September, DD's Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit issued accreditation to 3,500 journalists, set up 45 press pools, and handled liaison for 12 press conferences and 66 meetings of heads of state.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL

Last week the USG addressed the Association des Femmes d'Affaires de Québec in Montreal. This week she spoke on UN efforts on behalf of the environment at the Rotary International luncheon in New York.

In the coming weeks she will hold talks with TV networks in the US and Canada on new outlets for DPI's TV magazines.

LOOKING AHEAD

For World AIDS Day, 30 November, WHO and DPI are planning two panels on the relation of women to the AIDS crisis. Dr. Antonia Novella, Surgeon-General of the United States, and Dr. Mathilde Krim, founding co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDs Research, will speak. IPD has taped a *UN in Action* news feature on AIDS information campaigns in Thailand.

WHAT'S NEW AND AVAILABLE

BOOKS AND BROCHURES

The Blue Helmets. A review of UN peace-keeping since 1948. (Second ed., DPI/1065, Sales No. E.90.I.18; English.)

Namibia: A New Nation in the News. A review of international press coverage of Namibia resulting from a DPI-sponsored journalists' tour. (DPI/1083; English.)

BRIEFING PAPERS

African LDCs. An examination of the 28 African least developed countries, including policy recommendations. (Available in English and French from Africa Recovery, Room S-845.)

Public Opinion about the United Nations. The two most recent releases in this series give results of polls taken in Norway (DPI/1088) and the USSR (DPI/1090) (English).

FEATURE ARTICLES

UN Focus. Articles, chiefly for media use, include:
Towards Peace in Cambodia (DPI/1091; E,F)
The UN Conference on Environment and Development (DPI/1072; E,F,S)
Aid to Africa: Endangered Species (DPI/1077; E,F).

FILMS AND VIDEOS

Our Planet Earth. The earth's fragility as seen by astronauts and cosmonauts. Video and film (27 minutes, English).

Making Their Own Way. Women at work in six countries. Video and film (23 minutes, English).

UN Film and Video Catalogue, 1990-91. Descriptions of 164 UN films and videos, plus information on film footage, photographs, regional film libraries and distributors. (English and French.)

(To obtain films and videos, contact the DPI Audio-Visual Promotion and Distribution Unit, Room S-805).

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NAMIBIA

As part of its programme to publicize Namibia's economic and social needs and prospects for investment, DPI in co-operation with UNDP held a series of panel discussions in Bonn, Gothenburg and Helsinki on 12-18 October. The panel, which varied from city to city, included DPI and UNDP staff, members of the Namibian Parliament and government officials from the host countries. The topics discussed included: Namibia's general economic and social situation, current UNDP-co-ordinated technical and economic assistance programmes, and the Namibian economy's ability to absorb aid. The audience, which included executives from major private sector organizations, representatives of NGOs and journalists, participated in a question and answer period.

DRUGS

This week, the Assembly's Third Committee is scheduled to discuss the issue of international drug abuse control; on 11 November, the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances enters into force.

To publicize these events, DPI is holding a press conference in Room 226 on 2 November, focusing on the implications of the convention's entry into force for international drug control. Speaking for the UN and the government points of view will be Margaret J. Anstee, Co-ordinator of All UN Drug Control Related Activities, US Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and Minister of National Security of the Bahamas Darrell Rolle.

WOMEN

DPI is planning a feature article on sex stereotyping in the media, based on the speeches and reports given at the 23 October conference on women and the media held at the Columbia University School of Journalism. The article will be distributed to the media through the UN FOCUS feature article series.

DEVELOPMENT

For its 20-minute video *Debt Crisis: An African Dilemma*, DPI was awarded a Red Ribbon at the 1990 American Film and Video Festival in California. The documentary focuses on Zambia and the problems which led to its severing negotiations with the IMF and World Bank.

This week DPI is distributing *Ecuador Earthquake*, a three-minute UN IN ACTION video feature, to all its Centres. The video, which was shown earlier on CNN, focuses on UNESCO's co-operation in rebuilding Quito after the devastating 1987 earthquake.

In the short, quick-to-produce UN IN ACTION video series, DPI producers see a particularly effective communications tool that is widely used by broadcasters.

CHILDREN

As a follow-up to the World Children's Summit, DPI this week delivered copies of a five-minute video, *Child of One Earth*, to 107 film libraries located in UNIC and UNDP offices. In this short video made for children's viewing, the Secretary-General explains in simple language how the UN works.

NGOs

Earlier this month, DPI unveiled a new photo exhibit to honour its long-standing partnership with the NGOs. The display focuses on NGO involvement with the UN as advocates, educators and participants over the past 45 years. The exhibit, located on the Headquarters First Floor Concourse on the visitors' tour route, is a collaborative effort by DPI, DCS and the DPI/NGO Executive Committee.

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UN INFORMATION CENTRES

To mark the 45th Anniversary of the UN and the 40th anniversary of the UN's technical assistance programmes, UNIC Manila last week organized two events. The first was a two-week multimedia exhibit in a large Manila shopping centre. The second was a cluster of discussions and theatrical performances on peace and development through literacy, co-sponsored by the UNESCO National Commission, the Philippines Department of Education, Culture and Sports, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Philippine UNA.

To celebrate UN Day, UNIC Bujumbura, in cooperation with Burundian TV, this year produced a film on the UN system and its work in Burundi.

At Czechoslovakia's Agrofilm '90—the Nitra International Festival of Films on Agriculture—UNIC Prague showed the DPI film *Time Bomb*. At Techfilm '90, a film festival in Pardubice, the DPI film *Ticket to Development* was shown.

MEDIA

DPI's Executive Media Service/Office of the Spokesman is holding its Annual Editors Roundtable for leading journalists and editors from Asia and the Pacific at UN Headquarters 6-9 November. During the four-day programme, 18 journalists will be briefed by the Secretary-General and other high-ranking UN officials—including USG Sévigny—on topics of special significance to the region, such as Cambodia, Afghanistan, disarmament and development.

Last Friday, CNN World Report used an extra two-minute item on the UN's 45th anniversary produced by DPI.

GUIDED TOURS

A 30-second public service spot promoting the UN's guided tours was aired this week by New York's Channels 5 and 11, and on the Turner Broadcasting System. The spot was produced and distributed by DPI.

UN YEARBOOK

DPI is conducting a survey into readers' interest in and use of its *Yearbook*. The Department this week sent a series of questionnaires on the subject to UN Depository Libraries around the work, the network of UNICS and Permanent Missions in New York.

WHAT'S NEW AND AVAILABLE

BOOKS AND BROCHURES

Notes for Speakers. The 1990 edition includes chapters on peace-keeping, disarmament, human rights, the environment, the world economy, African recovery, literacy, drug control and decolonization. (DPI/1082; currently English only.)

The UN and Disabled Persons. A brochure including information on the World Programme of Action and Decade of Disabled Persons. (DPI/1046; currently English only.)

The UN Social Agenda #4. A brochure for NGOs outlining UN work on social issues, including drugs, shelter, women and education. (DPI/1004; E,F,S.)

FEATURE ARTICLES

UN Focus. Backgrounders, chiefly for media use, include the following on the UN Regional Commissions:

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (DPI/1080; E)

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (DPI/1079; E)

Economic Commission for Africa (DPI/1087; E)

Economic Commission for Europe (DPI/1068; E,F,R)

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (DPI/1041; E,F,S)

FILMS AND VIDEOS

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POSTERS

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THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL

In her annual statement to the Special Political Committee last week, USG Sévigny discussed the increased demands for information products resulting from the Iraq-Kuwait crisis and the current surge of public interest in the United Nations.

During the Secretary-General's visit to Amman in August, DPI handled requests for exclusive interviews with him from more than 60 of the largest media outlets in the world.

During the August-September Security Council session on the Iraq-Kuwait crisis, DPI provided 20 hours of TV news packages on the Council deliberations to international news syndicators. It produced a *World Chronicle* TV magazine programme featuring the Chairman of the UN Security Council Committee to Monitor Sanctions against Iraq, and 32 press releases in English and French totalling more than 200 pages. Since August, DPI has frequently replaced its regular radio taped programmes made for European listeners with news programmes on the latest developments in the Security Council.

DEVELOPMENT

In co-operation with UNTV and ILO, UNIS-Geneva recently produced two video features, one on ILO technical assistance to gold miners in Brazil, and the other on environmental problems in Poland. The videos were aired on Swiss TV, Deutsche Welle and Antenne 2 (France), and transmitted by Visnews by satellite to Europe, the Middle East, Australasia and the Pacific.

DECOLONIZATION

In co-operation with GlobalVision, DPI recently completed an English-language video on decolonization for its educational series *About the United Nations*. French and Spanish versions will be completed by the end of the year. An accompanying teaching guide is also in production.

DISCRIMINATION

At the Second Pyongyang Film Festival of Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries, on 13 September DPI was awarded a prize by the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries for *Brushstrokes*, a seven-minute animated film on prejudice.

INFORMATION CENTRES

Hazel Burnett, a national of Guyana, assumed her duties as Director of UNIC-Jakarta on 8 October. Joseph F. Cavalli, the newly-appointed UNDP Resident Representative in Kinshasa, will also serve as UNIC Acting Director in Kinshasa.

To attract visitors to the Palais des Nations, UNIS-Geneva reports that it announces its tours in the *Michelin Guide*, the Bulletins of the French Academics of Orleans, Tours, Rouen and Haut-Rhin, the Swiss Railways schedule brochures for summer 1990, the Geneva Tourist Office booklets *Manifestations* and *This Week in Geneva*, the daily *Courrier de Genève*, and the French weekly magazine *L'Evènement du Jeudi*.

Over the past year UNICs continued to produce UN publications in languages other than the Organization's official six. UNIC-Brussels produced the *Declaration on Social and Economic Progress* in Flemish; UNIC-Cairo published *Notes for Speakers* in Arabic; UNIC-Lisbon, UNIC-Rome, UNIC-Belgrade and UNIC-Jakarta published the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* in Portuguese, Italian, Serbo-Croatian and Indonesian; and UNIC-Ankara and UNIC-Moscow published *Teaching about Apartheid* in Turkish and Russian. UNIC-Tokyo produced *Dateline UN* (its monthly newsletter), *Selective List of New Docu-*

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ments and Publications (a bimonthly); *List of Films and Videos*, *Welcome to the United Nations* and *Teaching about Apartheid* in Japanese. These publications are available through the UNICs which produced them.

UNIC-Tokyo reports it received 2,800 visitors at its library this summer. It attributed the large attendance to interest in UN peacekeeping and peace-making operations because of events in the Gulf.

TECHNOLOGY

In October DPI installed a new top-of-the-line television editing suite in Tape Room 7 in the second basement of the General Assembly Building. The suite was first used to prepare an item on the Second Global Climate Conference in Geneva for a CNN World Report. It is equipped with the Betacam format and can handle sophisticated video effects.

DPI's computer network is now programmed to display four basic UN information tools: the *DPI Daily Briefing Notes*, the *Daily Highlights*, the *Journal of the United Nations*, and the *DPI Staff Directory*. The texts of all UN press releases in English, French and Spanish are available by connecting to the UN mainframe computer. Staff can also use the network to send electronic mail between DPI offices at Headquarters and to many UN offices and UNICs around the world.

LOOKING AHEAD

AGENDA IV: Representatives of DPI, 11 UN agencies and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and executives from 9 national broadcasting organizations met on 15-19 October in Geneva to lay plans for the fourth edition of the global television series, *Agenda for a Small Planet*.

The series of TV programmes dealing with global issues is a co-operative effort initiated in 1979 by CIDA and DPI . Since its inception, the series has appeared in three editions and has been seen by an estimated 1 billion people in 48 countries.

Participants in the Agenda IV series, which will be released in 1992, include Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, India, Ireland, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, and the USSR. Films planned for the series will examine innovative approaches to such questions as population, health, food, education, science and technology, debt, poverty, and peace and security.

AFRICA RECOVERY: For inclusion in its series of Africa Recovery Briefing Papers, DPI is preparing a paper on economic regional integration, an issue African leaders have identified as an urgent priority for the success of recovery efforts on the continent. DPI also plans briefing papers on population issues and on food security in Africa.

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FEATURE ARTICLES

Drug Convention Enters into Force. Feature on the significance of the UN Convention Against Drug Trafficking, issued for its entry into force on 11 November. (Available in English on the Press Racks.)

FACT SHEETS

DPI Computer Network. Describes the electronic mail capabilities and information resources accessible through the network. (DPI/1102; available in English from the DPI Executive Office, Room S-1070.)

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PEACE AND SECURITY

For distribution to the media through the *UN Focus* series, DPI is producing an article on the UN's role in supervising the recent elections in Namibia and Nicaragua. The article will be released in English in December, and in French and Spanish shortly thereafter.

For the convenience of researchers, DPI is issuing a reference paper containing the ten Security Council resolutions related to the Gulf crisis adopted between 2 August and 29 October. The paper will be available in English, French and Spanish before the end of November.

NGOs

Last week, DPI published *The Final Report: Making the World Safe for Children: Meeting the Challenge in the 1990s*, a 45-page report on the DPI/NGO annual conference which was held at Headquarters 12-14 September in advance of the Children's Summit, and was attended by 1,100 representatives of 46 NGOs from 60 UN Member States. The report is a summary of presentations to the Conference by 42 distinguished speakers.

Along with the report, the Department is publishing a 4-page flyer on the conference.

DPI and the DPI/NGO Executive Commitee are producing French and Spanish translations of their basic brochure, *The United Nations and Non-Governmental Organizations*.

UN DAY

On UN Day, 24 October, most UN Information Centres sponsored ceremonies, exhibits and discussions. Often the events, which are produced with high-level government cooperation and broad NGO support, attract wide media attention.

This year UNIC Moscow reports that celebration of the day in the Soviet Union was marked by "unprecedented participation" by NGOs, popular movements and newly-emerged political groups and parties. UNIC and the Soviet UN Association, with the assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organized a round-table discussion of the UN's role in the future world, before an audience of journalists and NGOs. V. Petrovsky, Deputy Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs, discussed the UN on national TV. Mayak, a round-the-clock radio station, featured a report on the Organization by its New York correspondent, which incorporated a 2-minute interview with the DPI/USG.

UNIS Vienna reports several thousand people attended the information show it organized at the Vienna City Centre on 24 October in co-operation with Vienna-based UN organizations. The stage programme, moderated by an ORF-TV broadcaster, included interviews with the Austrian Foreign Minister, Alois Mock, and UNOV Director-General Margaret J. Anstee. The Ministry of Defense also set up an exhibit on peace-keeping operations, featuring Austrian participation.

UNIS Santiago reports that for the first time, the President of Chile and several of his Ministers attended UN Day ceremonies, with the result that the ceremony was one of the most spectacular and enthusiastic in the history of the Latin American Economic Commission. The celebration received wide coverage by the news media.

UNIC Bangkok reports that, in co-operation with other UN agencies and with UNA Thailand, it organized a television discussion on *Thailand and the United Nations*, which was broadcast on several TV channels.

This year, UNIC Accra reports that its UN Day events included a flag raising ceremony at the Kwame Nkrumah Conference Centre, prayers for the UN and a review of a parade of the contingent of Ghanaian soldiers who served in UNIFIL.

UNIC Cairo reports the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Esmat Abdul Meguid, spoke at a ceremony organized by the UN Association, and reaffirmed Egypt's support for the United

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Nations. Other participants were officials of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, the Arab League and the African Society. The event was televised by Egyptian Channels 1 and 2.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL

On 14 November, USG Thérèse P. Sévigny spoke at the University of Ottawa at a conference on the challenge of development.

UN RADIO

DPI regularly produces a total of 36 weekly, fortnightly and monthly radio programmes in 19 languages. It also delivers these programmes, on cassette and tape, by air mail or diplomatic pouch, free of charge, to broadcasters in 167 countries and territories.

This week in order to make the range of programmes better known, the Department released a new radio catalogue.

INFORMATION CENTRE APPOINTMENTS

Mahmoud El Said, a national of Egypt, has been appointed Director of UNIC Manila. Moncef Kartas, a national of Tunisia, has been named Director of UNIC Dakar. Both will report to their new posts on 1 December.

LOOKING AHEAD

AIDS DAY. On 29 November, the speakers at the NGO Thursday briefing on *Women and AIDS* will be Susan Scholle Connor, AIDS legal specialist and former WHO staff member; Nancy Neveloff Dubler, Montefiore Medical Center Counsellor on AIDS; and Dr. Ann-Marie Kimball, Regional Advisor on AIDS, Pan American Health Organization, Washington.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

The 6 December briefing for NGOs in the Dag Hammarskjold Library, focussing on *Human Rights in the Changing World*, will be presented by Purificación Quisumbing, Chairman of the UN Commission on Human Rights, and Alexander Borg Olivier, Permanent Representative of Malta and Rapporteur of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DPI assisted the Centre for Science and Technology on 20 November in organizing a special event spotlighting the role of science and technology in the developing world. The programme in the Delegates Dining Room was hosted by Antoine Blanca, DIEC Director-General, and included a half-hour screening of a video called *Singapore in the Information Age* produced by Global Alliance, Inc., in co-operation with the Centre.

UN DAY

UNIC Bucharest reports that UN Day was commemorated in Bucharest on 24 October with a solemn flag-rasing ceremony in United Nations Plaza in the centre of the city. The twin themes of the celebration were a commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the UN and the 40th anniversary of UNDP.

Among the guests at the Bucharest ceremony were a Secretary of State from the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UNDP Resident Co-ordinator, a member of the Romanian delegation to the 45th session of the General Assembly, a senator-member of the Foreign Policy Commission of the Parliament, the Deputy Mayor of the Bucharest municipality, diplomats, NGOs, journalists, UNIC staff and a large public. The event was carried on Romanian television.

UNIC Asuncion reports that UN Day was celebrated in Paraguay with week-long events both in the capital and in the interior. These included a press conference, programmes in many schools, a cook-out, and an international swim meet sponsored by the Paraguayan Swimming Federation. On 26 October, the President of Paraguay officiated at the final ceremonies.

UNIC Madrid reports it delivered the Secretary-General's UN Day message and other related information materials to all of Spain's national dailies, major regional dailies, radio stations and TV networks.

As a direct result, Spain's main national TV channel opened its prime time news programme with a clip of the Secretary-General delivering his message. Regional TV channels and radio stations gave the day extensive coverage. In Catalonia, the UN Association for Spain held a ceremony, presented its 11th Peace Prize and sponsored a lecture on the UN and the Gulf crisis. The UNA and the Centre UNESCO de Catalunya issued the SG's report for 1990 in Catalan.

UNIC New Delhi reports UN Day was celebrated in India with rallies, exhibitions, model UN sessions, receptions, seminars and film shows. The Centre also reports it sent copies of the SG's message to UN associations, educational institutions and NGOs.

NGOs

NGOs are non-profit citizens' voluntary organizations organized nationally or internationally. Since 1945, many NGOs have had an official relationship with the UN either through consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) or through association with DPI for information purposes.

Last week, in what has become a semi-annual exercise, the DPI Secretariat Selection

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Committee admitted 50 NGOs from 11 countries to association with DPI, bringing the number of such NGOs to nearly 1,200.

BOOK PUBLISHING

DPI has an on-going programme by which the UN co-operates with outside commercial publishers which in turn publish UN documents and other material. In 1988-89, the UN signed contracts with 20 publishers for publication in six languages of 32 of its documents.

Last month, DPI announced the publication in co-operation with Springer-Verlag of Heidelberg, Germany, of a major Centre for Science and Technology document, *Climate and Development*. The document, which is the report of the 1988 Hamburg Congress on Climate and Development, examines the current scientic understanding of climate change, the potential impact of climate change on the socio-economic development of various countries and regions, and the operational roles available to world bodies in handling climate problems.

INFORMATION CENTRE APPOINTMENTS

Boyko Milkov Tarabanov, Ambassador and Deputy Head of the United Nations and Disarmament Department of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Director of UNIC Moscow. He starts his job on 26 November.

Andreas Nicklisch, former Head of the German Language Press Desk in UNIS Vienna, has been appointed Director of UNIC Prague. He reported to his new position on 19 November.

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